

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4159–S4223

Measures Introduced: Seven bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 893–899, and S. Res. 119–122. **Page S4184**

Measures Reported:

S. 629, to amend chapter 97 of title 18, United States Code, relating to protecting against attacks on railroads and other mass transportation systems, with amendments. **Page S4184**

Measures Passed:

National Kindergarten Recognition Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 119, designating April 21, 2005, as “National Kindergarten Recognition Day”. **Pages S4159–60**

National Small Business Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 120, honoring small businesses during the Small Business Administration’s National Small Business Week, the week beginning April 24, 2005. **Pages S4160–62**

Anabolic Steroid Control Act Technical Correction: Senate passed S. 893, to make technical corrections in the Anabolic Steroid Control Act of 2004. **Page S4162**

Transportation Equity Act: Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 3, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs. **Pages S4162–77**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at approximately 10:45 a.m., on Tuesday, April 26, 2005, with a vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon to occur at 11:45 a.m. **Page S4215**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

James H. Bilbray, of Nevada, to be a Member of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission, to which position he was appointed during the last recess of the Senate, to which position he was appointed during the last recess of the Senate.

Philip Coyle, of California, to be a Member of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission, to which position he was appointed during the last recess of the Senate, to which position he was appointed during the last recess of the Senate.

Admiral Harold W. Gehman, Jr., United States Navy, Retired, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission, to which position he was appointed during the last recess of the Senate, to which position he was appointed during the last recess of the Senate.

James V. Hansen, of Utah, to be a Member of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission, to which position he was appointed during the last recess of the Senate, to which position he was appointed during the last recess of the Senate.

General James T. Hill, United States Army, Retired, of Florida, to be a Member of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission, to which position he was appointed during the last recess of the Senate, to which position he was appointed during the last recess of the Senate.

General Lloyd W. Newton, United States Air Force, Retired, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission, to which position he was appointed during the last recess of the Senate, to which position he was appointed during the last recess of the Senate.

Anthony Joseph Principi, of California, to be a Member of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission, to which position he was appointed during the last recess of the Senate, to which position he was appointed during the last recess of the Senate.

Samuel Knox Skinner, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission, to which position he was appointed during the last recess of the Senate, to which position he was appointed during the last recess of the Senate.

Brigadier General Sue Ellen Turner, United States Air Force, Retired, of Texas, to be a Member of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission, to which position she was appointed during the last recess of the Senate, to which position she was appointed during the last recess of the Senate.

Brian D. Montgomery, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Charles E. Johnson, of Utah, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Robert B. Holland III, of Texas, to be United States Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development for a term of two years.

Roger Dwayne Pierce, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Republic of Cape Verde.

26 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

A routine list in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. **Page S4223**

Enrolled Bills Presented: **Page S4182**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m., and adjourned at 6:20 p.m., until 9:45 a.m., on Tuesday, April 26, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the re-

marks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4215.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

PATENT REFORM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Intellectual Property concluded a hearing to examine the current and future U.S. patent system and perspectives on patent reform, after receiving testimony from Jon W. Dudas, Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property, and Director, United States Patent and Trademark Office; Richard C. Levin, Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut, and Mark B. Myers, University of Pennsylvania Wharton Business School, Philadelphia, both on behalf of the National Research Council Committee on Intellectual Property Rights in the Knowledge-Based Economy; William Parker, Diffraction, Ltd., Waitsfield, Vermont; Dean Kamen, DEKA Research and Development Corporation, Manchester, New Hampshire; David Simon, Intel Corporation, Santa Clara, California, on behalf of the Business Software Alliance; Robert A. Armitage, Eli Lilly and Company, Indianapolis, Indiana; Joel L. Poppen, Micron Technology, Inc., Boise, Idaho; and Michael K. Kirk, American Intellectual Property Law Association, Arlington, Virginia.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 1 public bill, H.R. 1812, was introduced. **Page H2476**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H2476**

Reports Filed: No reports were filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Renzi to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2475**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H2475.

Senate Referral: S. 643 was held at the desk.

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no votes or quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

Committee Meetings

OF INQUIRY RESOLUTION—SOCIAL SECURITY TRUST

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported adversely H. Res. 170, of inquiry requesting the President to transmit certain information to the House of Representatives respecting a claim made by the President on February 6, 2005, at a meeting in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, that there is not a Social Security trust.